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# WILL CONSIDER OTTER TRAWLING

## Congressman Gardner to Present Resolutions For an Investigation.

## Committee Will Probably Give Hearing on the Matter.

When Congress convenes this fall it will be asked to take up the question of otter trawling. Congressman Gardner of this district intends to present a resolution calling for an investigation of this method of fishery and will also try to arrange for a hearing on the subject.

This will be the first move in the fight which the Master Mariners Association are to make against the steam otter trawl method of fishing by American vessels.

Congressman Gardner writes to the

committee of the Master Mariners Association here which has charge of the matter as follows:

"It is my intention to introduce a resolution when Congress meets again, asking the question of otter trawling be investigated by the Bureau of Fisheries. I shall then ask for a hearing before the committee on merchant marine and fisheries and ask for a favorable report on the resolution."

This means that the local committee, with witnesses, will appear before the congressional committee, armed with data and argument on the subject and be prepared to substantiate their contentions in the strongest possible manner.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Tattler of this port, which repaired at St. John's, N. F., was expected to leave there last Saturday.

Sch. Arbutus of the Newfoundland herring fleet, which sailed from here last Friday, arrived at Bay of Islands, N. F., yesterday.

Sch. Mabel D. Hines was in on the Cape Shore a few days ago and is now bound here with a fare of 100,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Cherokee and sloop Wodan are now cod netting over off Plymouth.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson was at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday and cleared the same day for the fishing grounds.

Schs. Senator and Jano, with small catches of halibut, harbored at Shelburne, N. S., recently. Sch. John Hays Hammond was also in there recently, from Querebank, with 40,000 pounds of fresh fish on board.

The Sydney, C. B., Post of October 25 says:

"There are three Gloucester fishing schooners in port at North Sydney, all with pretty good fares. The Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, has a full fare of 375,000 pounds, the largest catch of any vessel that has come to this port this year. The Arethusa is here for salt."

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### Found Chinese Money in Codfish.

Several pieces of Chinese money were found inside a codfish by Benjamin Quinnie, steward of the sch. Rose Standish, which arrived at T wharf yesterday afternoon. Mr. Quinnie was cleaning the fish for supper when he found the coins and he is keeping them as souvenirs.

Some of the crew thought the fish must have swam over from China, but at T wharf it was said that several months ago a Chinese sailor was buried at sea from a tramp steamer bound here, and that the dead man's money and clothing was thrown overboard with the body. It is probable that the money found in the cod was part of that thrown overboard.

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### Haddockers Doing Well in South Channel.

The haddockers are finding lots of fish in South Channel and are getting good and quick catches. They would be doing even better but for the sharks, which have invaded the fishing ground and are fairly "eating the trawls up." The skippers say they are ravenous and in countless numbers and every craft coming in reports the loss of from five to a dozen trawls because of the depredations.

## HADDOCK WAS PLENTIFUL.

### AMONG THE FISH FARES LANDED AT T WHARF THIS MORNING.

Of the 17 fares of fresh fish which arrived at T wharf since last report, three were pollock, one fresh mackerel and the rest haddock, cod and hake.

The steam trawler Spray was among the arrivals, with her second fare of the week, hailing for 41,000 pounds, but the largest fare was brought in by Capt. John Hickey in sch. Terra Nova, 62,000 pounds, 50,000 pounds of which were haddock.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta had 48,000 pounds, about all haddock and hake and sch. Warren M. Goodspeed after a short trip, was back this morning with 51,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Sch. Metamora from South Channel, had 53,000 pounds and the rest of the arrivals had ordinary catches.

For Saturday the market was very good indeed, haddock bringing \$2.50 to \$2.75 and large cod \$5 to \$5.40. Hake are still low, \$1.30 to \$1.60 and cusk sold at \$1.50 to \$1.60.

The feature arrival yesterday afternoon was the little netting sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, with 4000 large fresh mackerel, which the dealers paid for at the rate of 25 1-2 cents per fish. The Leavitt was out with the other netters Thursday night and struck big fishing, having the largest catch of any craft of the fleet. Over \$1000 for one night's set of the nets is making money at the rate of a steel trust magnate.

For the week ending October 26, 69 fares of groundfish, aggregating 1,367,900 pounds were landed at T wharf against 99 arrivals with 1,601,700 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 22,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, 4000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. George H. Lube, 22,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 6000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Metamora, 28,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 23,000 hake.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Terra Nova, 50,000 haddock, 1100 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. Pontiac, 18,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 3500 haddock, 3500 cod, 4000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Lillian, 3200 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Marion, 1800 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. W. H. Rider, 3500 pollock.

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Sch. Marguerite S. Haskins, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Viking, 4000 pollock.  
Steamer Spray, 28,000 haddock, 800 cod, 7600 hake.  
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2500 haddock, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 16,000 haddock, 7,000 cod, 23,000 hake, 5000 cusk.  
Haddock \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.40; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$1.30 to \$1.60; pollock, \$1.50 to \$2.05; cusk, \$1.50 to \$1.60; fresh mackerel 25 1-2 cents each.

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## FISH FARES SELL AT HIGHER PRICES

### TWO FARES OF HAKE AND ONE OF COD GET INCREASE FROM THE LAST SALES.

"Going up" is still the trend of fish at this port.

Yesterday the fresh hake fares of schs. Edith Silveria and Rita A. Viator sold to F. F. Smith & Co., at \$1.45 per hundred weight, a raise of 2 1-2 cents per hundred weight over last sales.

This morning the same firm bought the straight Georges handling salt cod fare of sch. Mattie Winship at \$5.75 for large and \$5 for mediums, this being a raise of 15 cents per hundred weight on the medium fish over last sales.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Marguerite, shore, netting, 2800 large fresh mackerel, 5 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sloop J. F. McMorro, shore, netting, 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mabel D. Hines, salt trawl banking, 100,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, handling, 18,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Jubilee, salt drifting, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Edith Silveria, shore, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Br. sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, Placentia, N. F., 2878 quintals green codfish, 784 quintals cured codfish.

Sch. Angie B. Watson, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Leo, shore.

Sch. Harriett, via Boston.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Claudia, Georges handling.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, haddocking.

Sch. Monitor, halibuting.

Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

Sch. Arthur James, Newfoundland salt herring.

Sch. Lafayette, pollocking.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$19.75 for small.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.65 per cwt. for large, \$4.10 for mediums and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium \$4.50.

Haddock \$1.75.

Pollock \$1.75.

Cusk, large \$2.50, medium \$2; snappers \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Salted whiting \$2 per bbl.

Fledged halibut 9c per lb.

Halibut fins, \$18 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt.; medium \$2.10 per cwt.

Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.

Dressed pollock 90c, round 80c.

Bank halibut, 11c per lb. for white and 9c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large, 25c each, mediums 20c, small 14c.

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## HERRING VESSELS BOUND HOME.

### SCHS. MAXINE ELLIOTT AND ESSEX READY TO SAIL FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

Advices to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company yesterday state that schs. Essex and Maxine Elliott, of its fleet, had secured cargoes of salt herring and would sail for home on the first chance.

The weather there yesterday was not favorable for going to sea, a heavy southwest gale prevailing. It is expected the crafts will get away today.

With both leaving together it will be a pretty race home. Capt. Joseph V. Bonia is in sch. Maxine Elliott and Capt. Fred Upshall in sch. Essex. Both are drivers on a passage and each is naturally anxious to be first home.

The two vessels sailed from here October 13, being the first of the Newfoundland salt herring fleet to get away this season, so with any kind of chance they should make very quick records for a Newfoundland trip.

### New Brunswick Fishermen Had Poor Season.

The fishermen of New Brunswick, like those of the province of Quebec have not had a very profitable summer. Good catches of sardines were made in Charlotte and St. John counties but during August dog fish seriously interfered with fishing operations and the catches of pollock and hake were rather poor. In Westmorland county there was a good deal of stormy weather, and extensive damage to fishing gear early in the summer retarded operations and made the season a rather poor one. The Kent, Northumberland and Gloucester fishermen also suffered from stormy weather and lost a good deal of gear. Codfish were fairly plentiful on the fishing grounds off the North shore, but bait was scarce and dog fish caused a great deal of trouble.

### New Newfoundland Schooner.

Another splendid new schooner was launched on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at Shelburne, N. S., from the ship yard of Joseph McGill. She is of the semi-knockabout type, designed by McManus, of Boston, and was built for parties at Newfoundland. She is 99 ft. over all, 22 ft. 11 ins. beam, 9 ft. 6 in. hold, and registers 94 tons. She is first class in design, rig, and outfit, and will be a fine addition to Newfoundland's rapidly growing fishing fleet. She will be rigged and fitted out at once, and will shortly leave for her home port.

Mr. McGill has also in construction a fishing schooner for Capt. Ephraim Inkpen, of Burin, N. F., and one for Hollett Brothers, of the same place.

### Bait Plentiful Along the New England Coast.

There is more bait at the present time along the New England coast than there has ever been before since the cold storage plants came into existence. All the freezers are full so that the fishermen of Boston, Portland and Gloucester as well as the other places will be assured of an abundant supply.

Bluebacks have been laid in in large numbers and in addition to these there are porgies and shad, both of which are excellent. Small herring have also been frozen to be kept for bait.

### Provincetown Fish Notes.

Sloop Bessie, Manuel Silva, owner, has been sold to parties in Southwest Harbor, Me.

A good shoal of pollock "struck in" to the bay and the dory fishermen have made good catches. One dory with two men in it is reported to have caught 3500 pounds one day on the ledge. The trawlers also did well.

Large quantities of herring were taken in the eastern traps Tuesday.

### Bulk Cod from Newfoundland.

At least 4,000,000 pounds of salt bulk cod will be shipped to Gloucester from the South West Coast during the next month, the purchasers being the Gorton-Pew and Cunningham & Thompson Companies, says the Harbor Grace, N. E., Standard.

### Will Command Sch. James W. Parker.

Capt. Stephen Black will now take command of sch. James W. Parker in the winter haddock fishery, her regular skipper, Capt. George P. Tufts, taking a spell ashore for a while.



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# WIND TOO STRONG FOR THE NETTERS

## But Several More Mackerel Catches Were Landed Yesterday.

It blew too hard for the mackerel netters last night and most of them came back, hauling their nets early, so the prosperous performances of Wednesday and Thursday nights were not repeated. The netting skippers and crews are full of confidence, however, and are looking for some more good hauls.

In all, the record of the catch for the two nights above mentioned totaled the handsome amount of 30,000 large mackerel, and brought to the comparatively small fleet engaged the great money return of not less than \$7500, which assures good pay for boats, skippers and crews.

Yesterday afternoon after last previous report, sloop J. F. McMorrow brought in 1000 large fresh mackerel and sch. Marguerite brought in 2800 large fresh and five barrels salt mackerel.

At T wharf, Boston, yesterday afternoon, sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, Capt. Larry McGrath, arrived with the largest catch of any of the boats, 4000 large mackerel, selling for 25 1-2 cents, and making over \$1000 for one night's work.

This morning the only two arrivals here with fish were sch. Freedom, with 80, and sch. Little Fannie with 400. Most of the fleet returned during the night because of the blowy weather.

None of the Rockport fleet went out last night.

### Caught Mackerel on Hook.

Sch. Viking, which was pollock fishing on the Ridges yesterday and arrived at Boston this morning had a few mackerel which were taken on the hook besides her fare of pollock.

### Receipts at Other Ports.

At Newport, R. I., the sloop Clara T. landed 16 barrels of fresh tinker mackerel, the Wood and Mack, 8 barrels and the Maud Gertrude 7 barrels yesterday.

A Halifax report of yesterday says only a few hundred mackerel were taken and these were salted.

### Salt Mackerel Season Practically Over.

The salt mackerel season is practically over on this shore. Two seiners are yet to come from North Bay. The catch of the fleet to date is about 7000 barrels, against 3915 barrels last year and 16,206 barrels to date in 1909.

The fresh mackerel season bids fair to last, with good weather, for several weeks yet. The catch of the fleet to date is 42,116 barrels against 19,836 barrels last year and 46,439 barrels in 1909, to date.

The imports of fresh mackerel are not yet over, as about every Yarmouth and Halifax steamer brings a

few barrels to Boston. Imports to date of fresh mackerel are 5,153 barrels, against 5,025 barrels in 1910 and 10,304 barrels in 1909.

The imports of new salt mackerel are slow on account of high prices and reported short catches abroad. The imports of salted mackerel at Boston to date are 14,689 barrels, against 22,109 barrels to date last season and 16,675 barrels to date in 1909.

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### Dogfish Bothering Nova Scotia Fishermen.

All over the Maritime provinces the fishermen have been greatly troubled with the dogfish pest, during the past summer. Some years ago the depredations of these members of the shark tribe were so serious that the federal parliament discussed ways and means of abating the nuisance. The government bonused the construction of dogfish reduction factories, and offered a bonus to fishermen for catching the pests. For about two seasons these dogfish invaded the fishing grounds in immense schools, and wherever they happened to be, fishing operations were almost impossible because they destroyed the food fish caught on the fishermen's trawls. The next season the fishing grounds were practically free of them and for some years they did not cause much trouble. Their appearance in large numbers last summer is one of the unexplained mysteries of the seas.

### Salt Fish High at Portland.

And now the salt fish market has reached the summit of its prices. The chances are that the prices may go to a still loftier summit for there is no knowing how high they may go. Just at present, the figures are higher than they have ever been before in the history of the trade. According to Lord Bros., the leading dealers in this commodity, large salt cod are worth \$9 a hundred pounds at wholesale, medium cod, \$7.50 and small cod \$6.50. These prices are for the whole fish. Salt fish in boxes is being quoted at 18 cents a pound. The demand for the commodity is heavy, and there is still no prospect that it will be supplied before another spring. Every salt fish that is being brought to port is being eagerly bought up and the chances are that every one that will come from now on will find a ready sale.—Portland Press.

### Lunenburg Fish Co. Incorporated.

The Lunenburg Fish Co., Limited, has been incorporated under the Nova Scotia Companies Act. It is reported that the railway property in the east of the town of Lunenburg has been acquired, and it is the intention to erect a large store for handling dry fish, and also a wharf and buildings to be used in connection with the boneless fish business. This enterprise has been made possible through the efforts of William Duff of Lunenburg, who has always taken a great interest in the place, especially everything relating to the fishing industry.

It is the intention of the company to do a large business, as the people interested, and who have put considerable capital in the business, have large interests in Hayti, Colon, and other fish-consuming markets of the world.

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### SUGAR ATTRACTED FISH.

The crew of the Norwegian steamer August, which arrived at San Francisco last week from Java with the largest cargo of raw sugar ever brought to this country—8100 tons, reports that a large number of edible fishes followed the vessel all the way across the Pacific. When the men desired fresh fish a net was dropped over the side and any required quantity hauled up. The fish were attracted by the leakage of some of the sugar through the ship's sides.

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## GREEN FISH FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

### FORMER BOSTON CRAFT NOW FLYING THE BRITISH FLAG BRINGS CARGO HERE.

The former crack Boston fisherman Benjamin F. Phillips, winner of the famous Fisherman's race, in 1892, which was sold to Newfoundland parties a while ago, looked strange this morning, coming up the harbor flying the Union Jack at the mast-head. She was from Placentia, N. F., in command of Capt. Philip Lake, and brought a cargo of green and cured codfish, aggregating 410,000 pounds. She was deep in the water and looked as though she had all she could possibly carry. The cargo is for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, having been bought recently in the vicinity of Placentia and Grand Bank, by the agent of that concern.

Yesterday afternoon schs. Rita A. Viator and Edith Silveira brought in small hake trips and this morning the Portland sch. Angie B. Watson also came in with a hake fare, all three going to the splitters.

The other arrivals were schs. Mattie Winship, from Georges handling with 18,000 pounds of salt cod, sch. Jubilee from drifting with 30,000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Frances P. Mesquita, down from Boston, with 20,000 pounds of fresh fish for the splitters.

Sch. Mabel D. Hines, one of the outside members of the salt trawl bank fleet, also came in this morning from her second trip of the season, hailing for 100,000 pounds of salt cod, the fare being on the market.

### Portland Fish Notes.

Thursday proved to be another fish day at Portland, though it was not as large as the one before. In all 50,000 pounds of the sea food were brought in and the amount was readily welcomed. The fares reported were sch. Katie, L. Palmer, 20,000; sch. Edmund F. Black, 18,000, and sch. Topsail Girl, 12,000.

The work of repairing the boiler of the fishing steamer Pet has been finished and the boiler returned to the steamer. Yesterday she was in readiness to make a trip and will leave today under command of Capt. George Davis for Boothbay to take on her seines. The Carrie and Mildred which has been used by Capt. Davis has been hauled up temporarily.

The fishing sch. Dorcas has gone to the marine railway to be painted. She will then return to this side of the harbor and fit out, probably for trawling.

Fred Fowler, a Long Island fisherman, is certainly a hustler, coming in twice Thursday with his Hampton boat well loaded with fish, which is said to be a record performance. He took out his first catch at Daggett's about 10 o'clock in the forenoon and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon was back with a second fare, making a good stock each time.

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### Will Bring Fish From Aberdeen.

A new development in the fishery situation in the zone between Massachusetts and Labrador, is that a prominent Nova Scotia concern has recently made arrangements for securing a cargo of wet-salted fish, from Aberdeen, which will be carried across to Halifax by vessel, and then re-handled and treated, so as to be sent to the West India market. The Halifax people have been induced to adopt this policy because they found they could purchase cod on the East Coast of England and Scotland which had been caught in the North Sea and adjacent waters, and then partly cured at a figure below what the same article could be bought for on this side of the Atlantic, and if the venture proves successful, other purchases of the same kind will be made in the not distant future. This will introduce a new factor into the competition on our side of the herring-pond, and we hope it will spur our fishermen and dealers to turn out an article which will steadily control the market.—St. John's, N. F., Chronicle.

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## MAKING READY FOR PACIFIC TRIP

### SCHS. ATHENA AND VICTOR AND ETHAN EXPECT TO START NEXT MONTH.

The knockabout fishing sch. Victor and Ethan of Boston, which has been at this port for several weeks, having a gasoline engine installed and otherwise being made ready for her long trip around Cape Horn to the Pacific coast, where she will engage in halibut fishing, went to East Boston yesterday, to take on stores, fishing gear, etc., and put on the finishing touches for her long voyage.

Sch. Athena of Boston which is also going out to the Pacific coast is still here getting ready and will probably go up to Boston the last of the week to finish up.

Sch. Athena is owned and commanded by Capt. Edward Forbes and sch. Victor and Ethan by Capt. Herbert Nickerson. The latter craft is scheduled to sail about the middle of November, while sch. Athena may not be ready at that time.

Both skippers will go overland, while the crafts will be taken out by sailing masters and it is probable that the Victor and Ethan may delay her start until her sister craft is ready, so that they can start away in company. There is no difficulty in getting crews and both skippers could have shipped double crews had they so desired. They plan to carry crews of about 20 men each.

Starting from Boston the schooner will be headed along the great circle, and, if everything works out right, will not touch at any port till they reach Panto Arenas, in the Straits of Magellan, after having accomplished half the distance to their goal. Fifty days is the time estimated as required for this first leg. From Boston the vessels will cross the Atlantic to within a few hundred miles of the coast of Africa—just as do the ships and barks that carry cargoes of lumber from Mystic wharf, Charlestown, to the River Platte. Sailing the great circle will enable the schooners to escape the doldrums and place them 3000 miles out in the region of favorable trades.

Stores sufficient for six months will be taken by the schooners, an Atlantic avenue firm having secured the contract. Each vessel will carry about 3000 gallons of gasoline in tanks and drums as fuel for the 110-horsepower motors, which develop a speed of about nine miles an hour.

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### Portland Fish News.

The Boston fishing schooner Mary Edith arrived at Portland on Friday for bait. She had on board about 25,000 pounds of mixed fish which she did not try to sell there, but will take to Boston after making one more "set." About 30,000 pounds of fish were landed by the schooners Albert D. Willard and Marion E. Turner, and quite an amount was also brought in by the boat fishermen, the market being now fairly well supplied.

Two sharks, not very large ones, but still sharks, reposed calmly in death on the decks of sch. Mary Edith, which was at Portland Friday. They were more of the species of the mackerel shark than the usual kind. John Thompson landed them on Jeffries banks where there are so many just at present.

After being laid up at Central wharf for a month repairing boilers the fishing steamer Pet, Capt. George Davis, finally got away Friday and proceeded to Boothbay, where she will take on her seines and start out in pursuit of herring.

Some of the Portland fishermen have been discussing the practicability of getting after the sharks now on Jeffries banks and of turning these tormentors to some use by catching them and selling them in the open market. All agreed that this would be a very fine thing if some one would come along and get a kind of gear that would insure capture of the fish. When that is secured, then there will be a live business in the fish.

Sch. Topsail Girl is taking out her 25 horse power engine and putting in one of 36 horse power.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Miranda was at Louisburg, C. B., Wednesday and cleared again the same day for the fishing ground.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell was at Can-so, N. S., Wednesday.

Sch. Gossip was at Park's Creek, N. S., recently, bound home here from the banks.

### Returned from Business Trips.

Ralph Russell Smith, of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., who has been on an extended trip to the south coast of Newfoundland, in the interest of that concern, arrived home last night.

William H. Perkins has returned from a business trip to Nova Scotia.

### Sch. Raymah Stocked \$1300 on South Channel Trip.

Sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, at T wharf yesterday, stocked \$1300 as the result of her recent short trip to South Channel, the crew sharing \$33 clear.

### Herring at Provincetown.

Herring are reported plenty at Provincetown.